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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/656,228

Applicants: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME
DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE
SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE
SAME

Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Zucker, P.A.

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Response to Restriction Requirement
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 5, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-21, 29, 30, 33 and 35, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-21, 29, 30, 33 and 35, drawn to a process for producing N-[N-[3-(3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propyl]-L-alpha-aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester; and

Group II: Claims 3, 22, 31, 32, 34 and 36-39, drawn to a method for purifying N-[N-[3-(3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propyl]-L-alpha-aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1- methyl ester.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-21, 29, 30, 33 and 35, for further prosecution.

In regard to Groups I and II, the Office has characterized the relationship between these two groups as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. Citing